

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970

MARCH 19, 2012

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

HANGER 200

Greg Behmer brought a letter for the Commissioners to sign asking for an extension in the timeline for the OCRA grant. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the letter. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

Dave Quick bought a voucher for the project to be signed. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the voucher. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0 (Chairman Boyer out of the room. He signed the voucher when he returned).

TREASURER

Treasurer Becky Morris brought a response from Debbie Gibson, State Board of Accounts, in reference to getting a vendor list from other units to check for people with back taxes. The Treasurer will meet with Jackie Gray, Clerk Treasurer of Peru City, and move forward from there. Chairman Boyer stated he would like to get an ordinance in place to prevent people who have bought tax sale properties and not paid the taxes so they end up in another sale from purchasing tax sale properties again.

The Treasurer also spoke with the Board about the Manatron software. When the Auditor's office is working on the abstract or settlement, everyone needs to be out of the system to prevent errors in the calculations and the Treasurer was upset because she had to be out of the system. The Auditor will schedule Manatron to come and speak to the Board regarding this issue.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Ken Scott came before the Board about his concern with being appointed to the Miami Regional Sewer Board. He feels that his position as Environmental Health Specialist would be a conflict for him as a voting member of that Board and feels that a member of that Community might be more beneficial. The Board said it was recommended that he serve on that Board and would like for him to stay on it. Mr. Scott agreed to serve on that Board.

WORK ON COURTHOUSE

Dick Wiles asked the Board if they had decided to do the ceiling tiles that they had talked about. He also asked about the table in the G.A.R. room because he could make a piece to go between the tables so that it would be easier to see when they vote on something or there is a discussion going on. The Commissioner want to proceed with getting ceiling tiles for 1 room at a time and using the good ones to replace in other offices.

Mr. Wiles will also get information on a sound system which is needed.

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

Commissioner Francis liked the presentation made by Jeff Peters but would like to speak with other companies. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have the Auditor contact Umbaugh and Associates to give a presentation. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

DIRT AT JAIL

Chris Brown asked the Board if the excess dirt at the jail is still for sale. The Board has told the City they could get some of the dirt but will allow Mr. Brown to purchase 6 loads. He is to pay for it at the Auditor's office.

10:00

POOR RELIEF HEARING

Avarey Diaz came before the Board to appeal her denial for poor relief. Ms. Diaz asked Jerry Carlson, Union Township Trustee, for help with her mortgage payment. Mr. Carlson denied the request because he does not help with mortgage payments. Ms. Diaz stated that is very low income and receives Social Security and Food stamps. She would like to go back to work but was told by two different agencies not to because she would lose her Medicaid and she cannot afford to do that. She has received help from Salvation Army, Helping Hands, St. Vincent De Paul and United Way. They all advised her to ask the Trustee for help. After some discussion the Board of Commissioners denied her appeal with instructions to go back to the Trustee to see if he could help with any of her other expenses which in turn would free up some money to allow her to apply towards her mortgage. Commissioner Francis made a motion to support the Trustee in his denial of the request. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Pat Roberts gave the Board some information concerning the Baldwin (Hanger 200) project. He will give them a written opinion.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA, was informed that the Fire Department Assistance Grant was awarded and his portion of it should be around \$79,556> There will be a required match which he calculates to be between \$7,500 and \$7,800. Commissioner Francis made a motion to support EMA in their portion of the match (out of the Commissioners budget). Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Marks also brought in a bill from Identisys for the repair of the ID machine. Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay the bill out of Cum Courthouse. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn until 1:30. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BACK IN SESSION

Mayor Walker came before the Board to discuss the City's HSA (Health Savings Account). It has saved the City a great deal of money. The City put a certain amount of money in each employees account to start with and the employees can add to their account out of each pay and they have to pay their claims till they reach their deductible. If they do not use all the money and leave their employment the money goes with them. The City employees like it.

PERU UTILITIES

There is a property (103 W 3rd) that did not sell in the tax sale that Peru Utilities would like to have to have according to Bill Berkshire, City Attorney. The property has been condemned by the City. The Utilities would tear down the condemned building. Mr. Berkshire stated there needed to be a Public Notice. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow the City to do the Public Notice. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

TAX PENALTY ISSUE

It was noted that although the Commissioners were informed that penalties and interest were paid this issue was not addressed in the minutes previously, therefore Commissioner Francis made a motion to notate in the minutes that the Board of Commissioners were

made aware and approved the payment at the time of occurrence. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley